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SUBJ: S AND T AGREEMENT: SECOND S AND T

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1. BOTH PRONSKIY AND BERDENNIKOV OF SCST HAVE MADE UNUSUALLY STRONG OBJECTIONS TO LIMITATION IMPOSED BY U.S. SIDE (PARA TWO REF A) ON SIZE OF SOVDEL COMING TO U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND S AND T SYMPOSIUM. PRONSKIY SEEMED PARTICULARLY OFFENDED BY THIS LIMITATION, NOTING THAT IS WAS IRONIC THAT SOVIET SIDE SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR BEING SO SUCCESSFUL IN AROUSING INTEREST IN THIS PARTICULAR BILATERAL PROJECT. SCIATT POINTED OUT THAT U.S. PLANNING FOR THIS VISIT HAS ALREADY COME RATHER FAR ALONG, AND THIS PLANNING WAS BASED ON MAXIMUM OF TEN SOVIETS AS AGREED DURING DURING MOSCOW SYMPOSIUM. BERDENNIKOV ARGUED THAT HE WAS NEVERTHELESS AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND U.S. RATIONALE, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOVIETS ARE PAYING OWN WAY. HE ADDES THAT SCST WOULD IMPOSE SUCH LIMITATION ONLY FOR MOST URGENT REASONS AND CLAIMED THAT SCST HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS WITH U.S. GROUPS AND ACCOMODATION OF SPOUSES. HE REPORTED THAT FIRST REACTION OF ARUTYANOV WAS THAT HE WOULD

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RESTRICT HIS DELEGATION TO TEN MEMBERS, BUT "THEY

WOULD ALL BRING THEIR WIVES".

2. COMMENT: UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS FOR LIMITATION ON SIZE OF THIS GROUP, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT PROPOSED DELEGATION SIZE OF THIRTEEN SPECIALISTS BE ACCEPTED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED ANY EFFORTS BY SOVIET SIDE TO RESTRICT SIZE OF U.S. DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WHERE SIZE RESTRICTIONS HAVE OFTEN BEEN IMPOSED BY SOVIETS, BUT WHICH, FOR THE MOST PART, WERE EVENTUALLY LIFTED AFTER EMBASSY PROTESTS AND ARGUMENTATION ALONG THE LINES NOW BEING USED BY SCST. LIMITING SIZE OF SOVDEL, UNLESS ESSENTIAL, WILL CONSIDERABLY WEAKEN OUR OWN POSITION IN POSSIBLE FUTURE REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT IS UNUSUAL FOR PRONSKIY TO TAKE SUCH AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN QUESTION OF THIS TYPE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE CONSIDERS THIS TO BE A MATTER OF POLICY THAT WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF S AND T AGREEMENT, BUT THERE WAS NO HINT OF FUTURE RETALIATION.  
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